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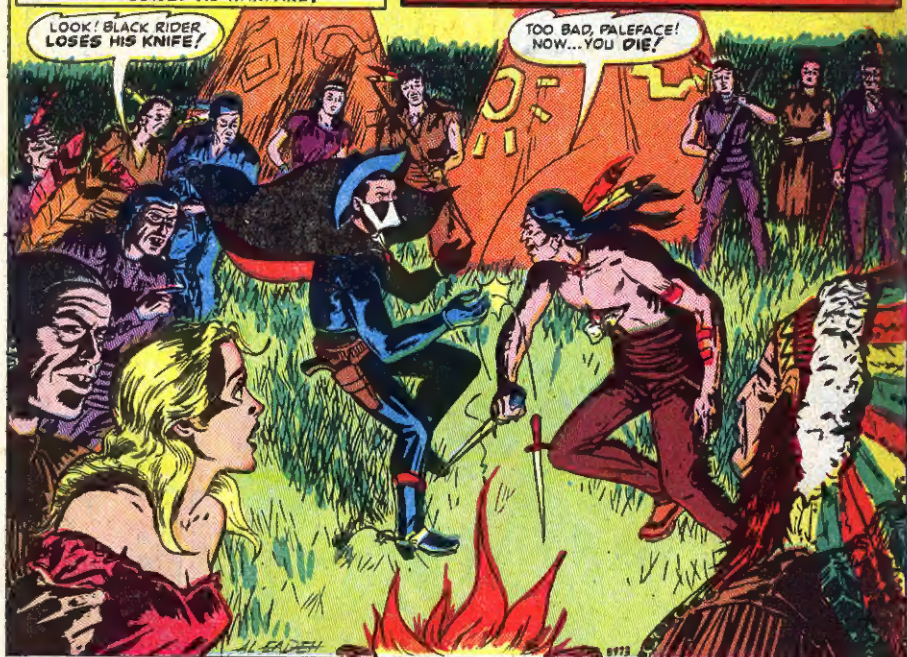
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MYSTERY MAN OF THE WESTERN RANGE!

IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WAR AND HOMICIDE? THE BLACK RIDER STAKED HIS LIFE TO PROVE THAT MURDER CANNOT BE DISGUISED AS WARFARE!

BLACK RIDER'S VENGEANCE!



AS A SCOUTING PARTY OF SIOUX INDIANS CROUCH IN THE BRUSH OUTSIDE A NORTH DAKOTA RANCH...

KILL THEM ALL, GREEN LIZARD!

ALL BUT THE GIRL! I WILL TAKE HER TO CAMP AS MY BRIDE! THE JANEWAYS ONCE THREW ME OUT OF THEIR RANCH! NOW I SHALL EVEN THE SCORE! ATTACK!



DAD! IT'S GREEN LIZARD! HE'S BACK AGAIN!

ELLA! MOTHER! RUN FOR THE HOUSE!



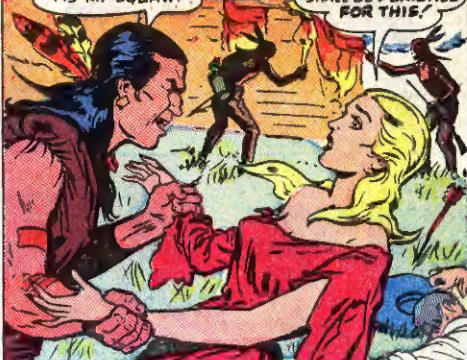
BUT RESISTANCE IS HOPELESS! OUTNUMBERED AND OUTMANEUVERED, THE WHITES ARE MASSACRED!



OHhhH!

NO! DON'T!
EEEI!

ONCE YOU SPURNED MY KISSES! NOW
YOU SHALL COME TO MY VILLAGE
AS MY SQUAW!



NEVER, YOU
MURDERER! YOU
SHALL BE PUNISHED
FOR THIS!

MURDERER? OH, NO, PALEFACE
BEAUTY! THIS IS WAR! I SHALL
TELL MY CHIEF THAT THE WHITES
FIRED UPON US AND WE
ANSWERED THEIR ATTACK!

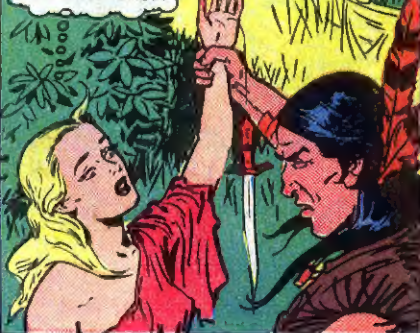
AYE! THERE IS NO
PUNISHMENT FOR
KILLING YOUR
ENEMY!

YOU MURDERED MY FATHER AND
MY MOTHER IN COLD BLOOD! I'LL
KILL YOU IF IT'S THE LAST
THING I DO!



WILDCAT! YOU ARE DANGEROUS! BUT, BEAUTIFUL
AS YOU ARE, REMEMBER THAT IF YOU DISOBEY OR
BETRAY ME TO MY CHIEF, YOU WILL DIE!

THE DEVIL MEANS
IT! I MUST WAIT
FOR MY REVENGE!



LATER THAT NIGHT... AS DOC MASTERS, FRONTIER PHYSICIAN,
NOTICES THE SMOLDERING RANCH...



NO WONDER THEM COYOTES WERE
HANGIN' AROUND! THE JANEWAYS
HAVE BEEN MASSACRED!

HMMM... WAR FEATHERS FROM THE GREY MOON
TRIBE! CHIEF FAR EAGLE IS A SENSIBLE LEADER!
HE COULDN'T HAVE ORDERED THIS
MASSACRE!



WITH ONLY THE SIGHTLESS DEAD FOR WITNESSES, DOC MASTERS SWIFTLY CHANGES INTO THE BLACK GARB OF THAT FIGHTER OF FREEDOM, THE BLACK RIDER! WHILE ICHABOD, THE S'AY-BACKED NAG, BECOMES, SATAN, THE WONDER HORSE!



THIS KILLING DOESN'T MAKE SENSE! THERE'S UNREST BETWEEN THE BLACKFEET AND THE SIOUX, BUT NO TROUBLE BETWEEN SETTLER AND SIOUX!



WE'RE PAYING FAR EAGLE A VISIT, SATAN, JUST IN CASE TROUBLE'S BREWING ON THE FRONTIER!

BUT AS BLACK RIDER ENTERS FAR EAGLE'S CAMP...



THESE SIOUX ARE ANYTHING BUT WAR-LIKE! THEY'RE GREETING ME LIKE A LONG-LOST COUSIN!

FAR EAGLE, IT IS WITH WONDER THAT I RIDE INTO YOUR CAMP! I EXPECTED A SHOWER OF ARROWS INSTEAD OF THIS WELCOME!

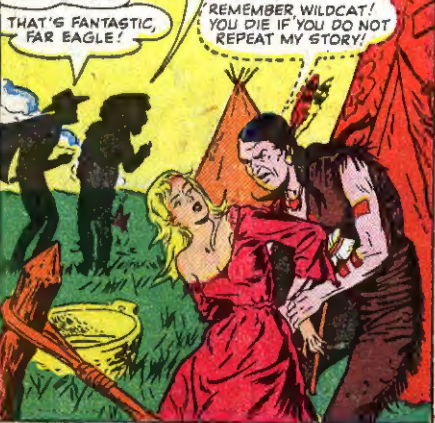
YOU JEST! THE BLACK RIDER IS ALWAYS WELCOME AMONG THE SIOUX!



THEN EXPLAIN THE MASSACRE OF THE JANEWAY FAMILY... YOUR TRIBAL WAR FEATHERS WERE CLUTCHED IN THE DEAD FIST OF TOM JANEWAY!

AH, YES, ALAS, THESE FOOLISH JANEWAYS AMBUSHED GREEN LIZARD'S WAR PARTY WHEREUPON MY BRAVES KILLED THE PALEFACES IN SELF-DEFENSE!

EVEN THE DAUGHTER OF THE DEAD JANEWAY, CONFESSES THAT HER FATHER ATTACKED MY WARRIORS! IN FACT, SHE HAS CONSENTED TO BECOME THE BRIDE OF GREEN LIZARD!



THAT'S FANTASTIC, FAR EAGLE!

REMEMBER WILDCAT! YOU DIE IF YOU DO NOT REPEAT MY STORY!

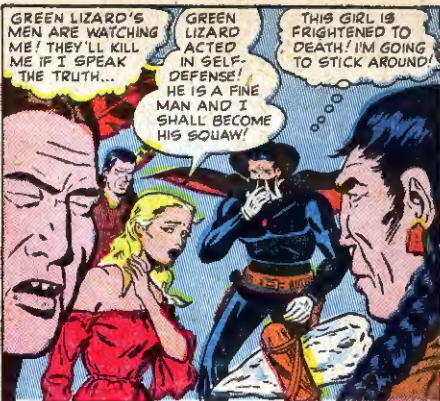
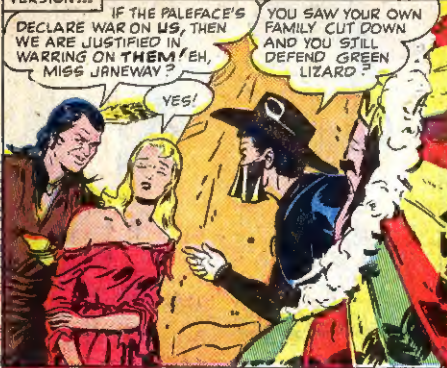


ONE MUST BELIEVE HER, BLACK RIDER! WHY SHOULD SHE LIE? THEY APPROACH NOW!

ONE GLIP AND MY MEN WILL DESTROY YOU!

I AM IN THIS MURDERER'S POWER NOW... BUT MY TIME WILL COME!

MOMENTS LATER, AS THE GIRL SUPPORTS GREEN LIZARD'S VERSION....



THANK HEAVENS YOU CAME! I HAD TO LIE TO FAR EAGLE ABOUT THE MASSACRE OR GREEN LIZARD WOULD HAVE KILLED ME! GREEN LIZARD HAD IT IN FOR DAD...EVER SINCE THREE MONTHS AGO WHEN DAD CHASED HIM AWAY BECAUSE HE TRIED TO KISS ME!



WE'VE GOT TO TELL YOUR STORY TO FAR EAGLE! WAIT! YELLS! GREEN LIZARD IS BACK IN CAMP!



TO ARMS! THE BLACK-FOOT ARMY APPROACHES!

DEVIL, TAKE THE BLACK-FOOT! THE BLACK RIDER HAS FORCED HIS WAY INTO MY TENT! HE SEEKS TO STEAL MY BRIDE!

BUT AS THE FRENZIED BRAVES CHARGE...

OH! ARGHH!

TAKE YOUR CHOICE, GREEN LIZARD! A POW-WOW, OR THE HAPPY-HUNTING GROUNDS!

A POWWOW! LET FAR EAGLE DECIDE!



ALTHOUGH THE BLACK RIDER TELLS THE TRUTH TO CHIEF FAR EAGLE...

GREEN LIZARD SAYS YOU BEWITCHED HIS BRIDE-TO-BE! THAT'S WHY SHE DENIES HER STORY NOW!

BLACK RIDER HAS STOLEN THE LOVE OF MY WOMAN! I DEMAND SATISFACTION WITH DUELLING KNIVES!

I'M READY, YOU MURDERING COYOTE!



THIS WON'T TAKE LONG, CHIEF! BRING THE KNIVES, THIN REED!

WITH DEADLY POISON ON THE TIP OF GREEN LIZARD'S KNIFE... ONE SCRATCH WILL KILL THE BLACK RIDER!



A MOMENT LATER, AS THE TWO MEN CIRCLE ONE ANOTHER TENSELY...

I SHALL CUT YOUR HEART OUT, MEDDLER!

YOU'VE GOT THE ADVANTAGE, GREEN LIZARD! YOU HAVE NO HEART TO CUT OUT!



SUDDENLY THE BLACK RIDER TRIPS...

AHH! HE LOSES HIS KNIFE... HE IS DOOMED!

THAT HEART! ONE SCOOP AND...

...YOU'RE MINUS A FEW TEETH!

UKKK!

THE KNIFE! IT SCRATCHED GREEN LIZARD!

THE KNIFE WAS POISONED! I'M DYING! I... ARGH!

CHIEF DOES THIS PROVE WHO IS LYING... TREACHEROUS GREEN LIZARD, OR MISS JANEWAY?

I AM SHOCKED! TRULY, DEVILS LIKE GREEN LIZARD MAKE TROUBLE WHEREVER THEY GO!

BUT VENGEANCE COMES IN THE END! EVEN NOW THE BLACKFEET MARCH TO AVENGE THE WRONGS GREEN LIZARD DID THEM! BUT I HAVE A PLAN! LET YOUR MEN FOLLOW ME!

FOLLOW THE BLACK RIDER! QUICKLY!

FIRST, BLACK RIDER ATTRACTS THE BLACKFEET ARMY! THEN HE WHEELS ABRUPTLY TOWARD THE HILLS...

LURE THEM INTO THAT BOX GULCH! WE WANT THEM REASONABLE ENOUGH TO TALK TO!

BLACK RIDER IS RIGHT! WE SHOULD NOT SPILL BLOOD TO SETTLE THE QUARRELS BEGUN BY EVIL MEN LIKE GREEN LIZARD!

SHORTLY AFTER, AS THE BLACKFEET WARRIORS ARE RINGED WITH STONE AND STEEL...

LISTEN, BLACKFEET CHIEFS! THE GREY MOON TRIBE WISHES TO MAKE PEACE! THERE ARE ENOUGH HUNTING GROUNDS FOR ALL!

THE PALEFACE SPEAKS WORDS OF WISDOM! WE WILL TALK WITH CHIEF FAR EAGLE!

THE FOLLOWING MORNING...

THE BLACK RIDER IS A WONDERFUL MAN! LOOK AT THE PEACE HE HAS BROUGHT TO THE RED-MEN! WON'T I EVER SEE HIM AGAIN, DOCTOR MASTERS?

CAN'T SAY, MISS! THE BLACK RIDER MIGHT RIDE BACK AS MYSTERIOUSLY AS HE MADE OFF LAST NIGHT! - I GOT A HUNCH HE AIN'T FAR AWAY FROM UG EVEN NOW!

THE END

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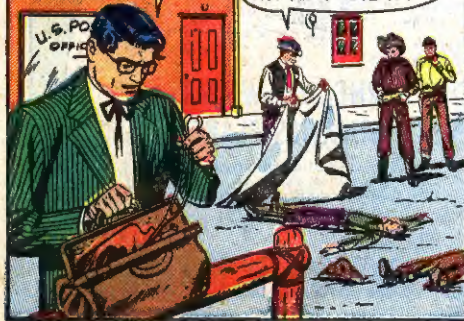
MYSTERY MAN OF THE WESTERN RANGE!



A CATTLE-WAR IS A GRIM AND BLOODY BUSINESS AS ANY FRONTIER DOCTOR LIKE DOC MASTERS KNOWS...

COVER 'EM UP SHERIFF!
I CAN DO NOTHIN' FOR
'EM! GOT ANY IDEA WHO
DONE THE SHOOTIN'?

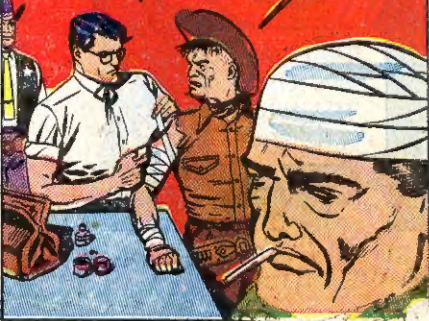
THEY WERE HARWELL'S
GUN-CARRIERS! THAT
MEANS **BRASSER**
HAD 'EM KILLED! YET
TRY AN' PROVE IT!



EVEN WHEN THE
RATS SURVIVE
AN AMBUSH,
THEY DON'T
TALK!

WHO WENT
AFTER YOU?
BRASSER'S
BOYS?

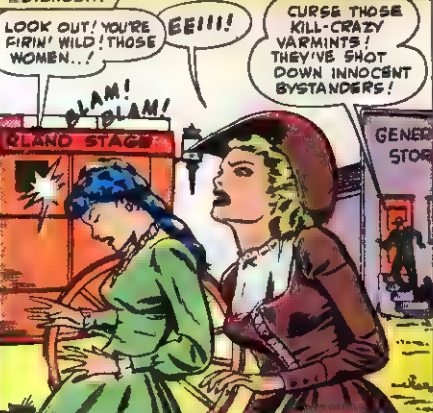
DON'T
STRAIN YORE
BRAINS, DOC!
WE DON'T
KNOW
NOTHIN'...



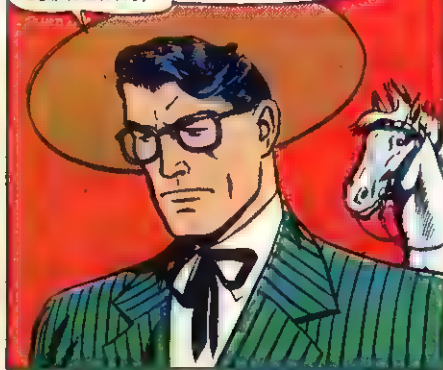
THERE WAS GOOD REASON FOR THEIR SILENCE, FOR THE FOLLOWING DAY HARWELL'S KILLERS SETTLED THINGS THEIR OWN WAY...



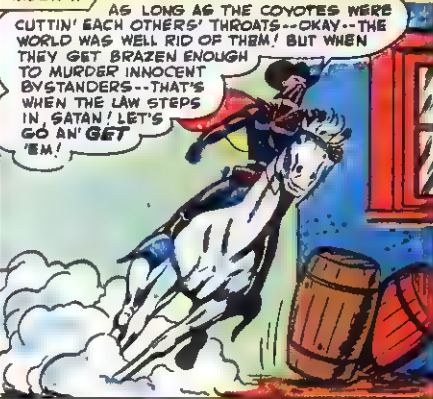
BUT THE NEXT DAY AS BRASSER'S MOB SOUGHT REVENGE...



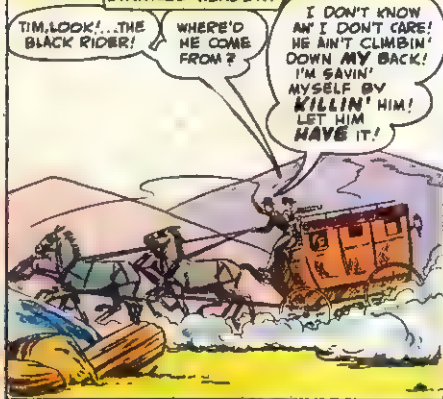
DEAD! BOTH OF THEM! THIS RANGE WAR HAS GONE FURTHER THAN JUST A PRIMATE FEUD! ICHABOD, WE GOT A JOB TO DO... AN' TO DO IT RIGHT WE GOTTA CHANGE OUR IDENTITY!



AFTER A QUICK CHANGE BEHIND A DESERTED BUILDING, INTO THE COSTUME OF THE BLACK RIDER ...

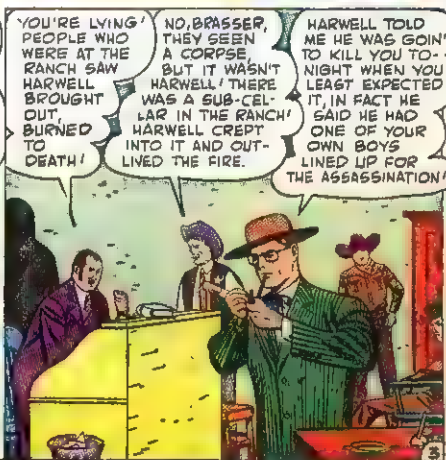
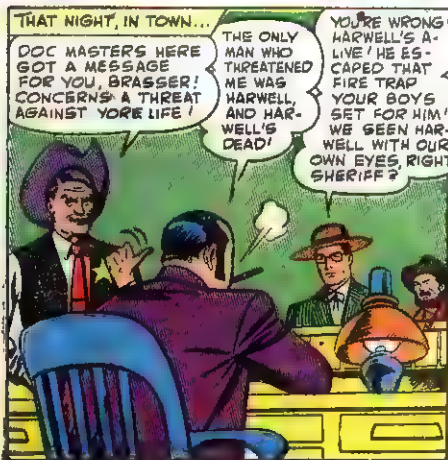
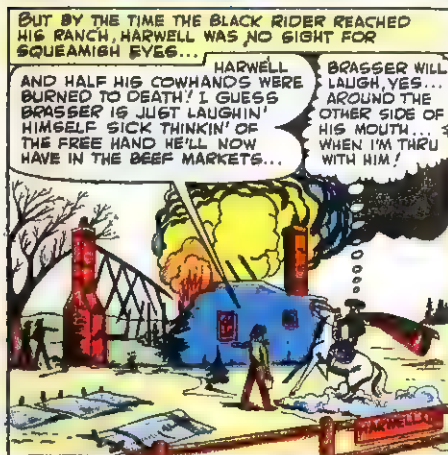
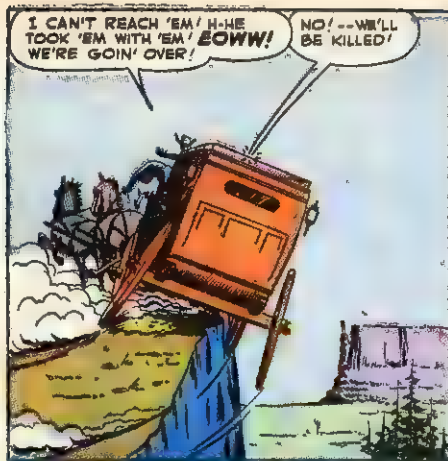


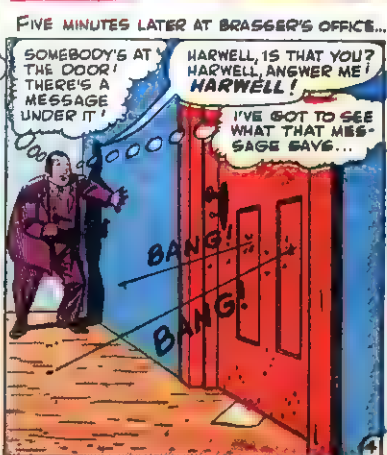
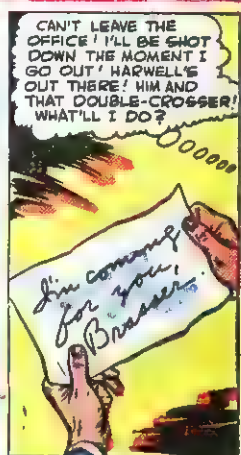
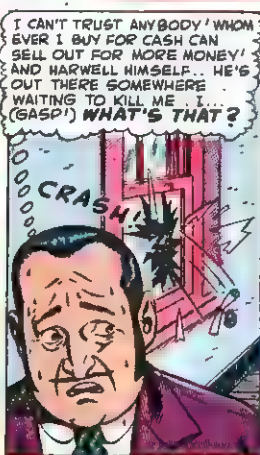
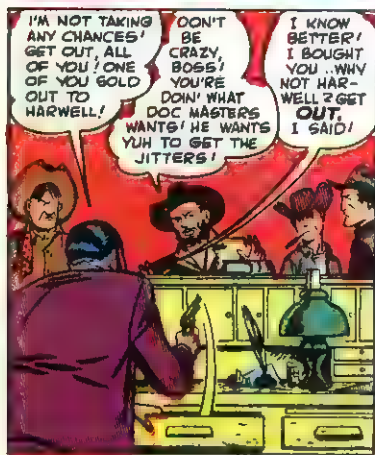
AS THE BLACK RIDER OVERTAKES THE KILLERS, AND FIRES A WARNING SHOT OVER THEIR STARTLED HEADS...

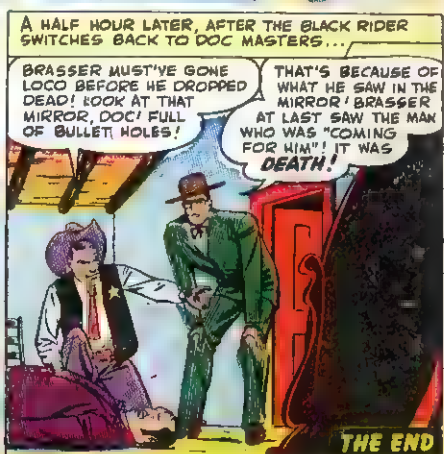
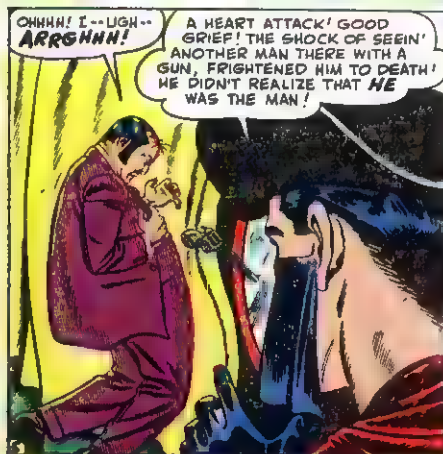
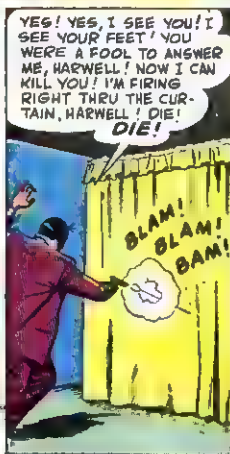
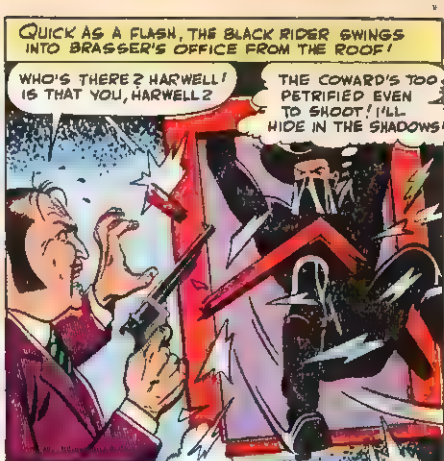


OKAY...IF THEY WANT A SHOW-DOWN, THEY'LL GET IT!









RUSTLERS RIDE TO BOOTHILL!

"**W**HADDYA mean? No goin' to town till after the herd is sold?" shouted Tim Cassidy. "I'm sick and tired of wet-nursing them cows. After herding them longhorns clear across the hills, I want some fun in Dodge City. We're entitled—"

"Listen to me, you young ranny," said trail boss, Rod Kinley. "Your job ain't through until this herd is wrapped up and sold. You go into town for the blow-off when I say so, and not before."

Tim Cassidy's temper was boiling. He hadn't meant to get into an argument with Kinley, but he wasn't one to back down.

"I said, I'm going. Who saved the rotten herd, back in Rimrock, when they nearly stampeded? Me! Who caught that no-good hand who tried to rustle you blind? Me! Well, it's me that's going into Dodge City. I got a pretty little filly who's just waiting to see me, and I—"

Kinley's face was getting redder and redder. He dusted off his hat against his levis, and without looking up, said: "If you're going into town, you'd better draw your pay now. 'Cause you ain't coming back."

Tim was dumbfounded. He hadn't expected that. That's what a temper and a stubborn streak got you into. "If — if that's the way you want it?—"

"No," said Kinley, "That's the way you want it!" He turned on his heel.

"All right! I don't have to ride for no two-bit spread! There's better jobs to be had for the asking!" His heart sank inside of him as he said it, because he knew it wasn't true. Who, but his father's best friend — Rod Kinley — would have hired a young green cowhand? He liked the grizzly old trail boss. If only the man didn't have such a violent temper . . .

He rode through the main street of Dodge City on his black, and finally reined up in front of the Joker Saloon. He tied his horse to the hitching post and walked in through the bat-wing doors. His spirits had risen somewhat; he had two-hundred dollars in back pay, in his shirt pocket. It was more than he'd ever had before at one time, and it made him feel rich. He'd show Kinley and the rest of the boys what he was made of.

He stepped up to the bar, and ordered a whiskey. He was about to toss it down when a slick-looking customer came up to him.

"You with that Kinley, K-Bar, herd?" asked the man.

"Was. Up to today," said Tim.

"Oh? Quit?"

"Yeah, I'm thinking of going

into business for myself," boasted Tim.

"Hm-m-m. Let me buy you a drink."

"No sir-ee," said Tim. "I'll buy you one."

He stood there — one foot on the brass railing — telling the story of the stampede, and the rustler and how he got fired. He told it over and over again, drinking as he did. Finally, after about the twentieth time, he noticed that the man was gone. He shrugged his shoulders, had a couple of more drinks, and then dug into his shirt pocket for his roll of money.

"Hey! It's gone! I been robbed!"

The bartender looked at him with narrowed eyes. "I got five dollars coming."

"That man! He musta stole my money!"

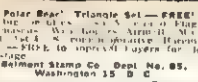
"What about the bill?"

Tim started heading for the door, in the direction of the stranger that had been drinking with him, when he noticed two men — one on each side of him — and both of them wore deputies' badges.

He shook the bars of his cell. It was early next morning and he had only a vague remembrance of having been hauled into jail. A black eye and a swollen jaw were testimony to the fact that he had not gone

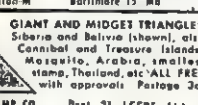
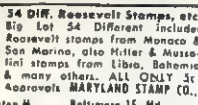
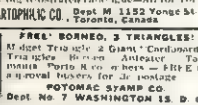
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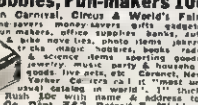
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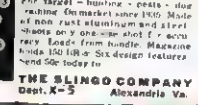


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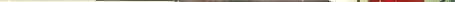
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peaceably. He shook the bars, and cursed at the deputy.

"You got no right to keep me here! Whyn't yuh go after that dirty crook that robbed me? Huh? What kinda law enforcin' is that?" Each question was punctuated with a kick at the cell door. But the sleepy-eyed deputy just sat calmly whittling away at a stick.

About an hour later the sheriff walked in. He came up to the cell door, unlocked it, and pointed his thumb toward the front door.

"Git!"

"Yuh mean I'm finally free, huh?" spat Tim.

"Don't git sassy with me, younker! Yer hoss is out front. If I ever see yer purty face in Dodge City. I'll clink yer in here fer good. Saloon-keeper ain't goin' to per-e-fer charges, so I got to let you go."

Tim slipped out of the jailhouse under the threatening gaze of the old lawman. He mounted his black, and spurred away from the town as fast as he could. This, he thought bitterly, is what I lost me a good job for. To come into Dodge City. The first night I lose my roll, get locked up in jail, and then run-outta town. If only . . .

His thoughts were cut off by the sight of smoke, from a campfire, coming out of a bushy draw to his right. Maybe it was some of the boys from the K-Bar. He'd sneak up and surprise them. After dismounting, and picketing his horse, he crept up to the camp-site on his hands and knees. What he saw startled him.

There were two men. One of

them was holding a branding iron, and the other a calf that he recognized as belonging to the K-Bar. *But neither of the men was from the Kinley spread!*

He pulled his gun, and—without thinking—yelled out: "You no good, dirty rustlers! Put 'em up!"

A shot creased his forehead. One of the rustlers had a fast draw. He saw the lights go out, and then—blackness.

When he came to, he found himself trussed up, and instead of the rustlers, he found—looking down at him—Rod Kinley. When Rod saw that he was awake, he shouted to two of his boys.

"Okay, he's awake. You c'n show the rustler what it means



tuh steal K-Bar cattle! Too bad my bullet didn't kill him, steada only partin' his hair. *String 'im up!*"

Tim found that his adam's apple wouldn't budge to let him speak. They actually thought that *he* was one of the rustlers, and Rod thought that one of *his* bullets—meant for a rustler—had creased Tim. Finally he found his voice and he argued and pleaded with them. It was to no avail. They dragged him over to a large cottonwood tree, and one of the men began to untie him.

"Yuh gotta believe me fellas! You know I wouldn't rustle—"

He felt a noose slip around

his neck. Well he wasn't going to die without a fight. Better a bullet through the back than hanging. He'd bust a couple of heads before he went.

His fist lashed out and took one of his captors on the chin, another one got a foot in the stomach. The noose was off his neck and he was headed for the third when Rod shouted:

"All right boys! That's enough. No use carryin' a joke too far."

That stopped Tim short. "Whaddya mean, joke?" He felt his temper rise. "Yuh mean you knew all the time I wasn't a rustler?"

The men were all laughing, now. Rod Kinley nearly doubled with laughter. "A course not," said one of the boys. "We knew all the time that you just stumbled on them. Fact is, Rod here had us foller you into town to see you didn't get into any trouble. We caught that guy that was makin' off with your wad. Here." He tossed it over to Tim. "And we paid the saloon-keeper and had the sheriff let you out."

"Sure," added Rod Kinley. "The boys were watchin' you all the time."

Tim stopped and counted to thirty-five so that his temper should go down. Then he smiled and slapped one of the boys on the back.

"C'mon Tim," said Rod. "The herd's all sold. Now we can go into Dodge City together."

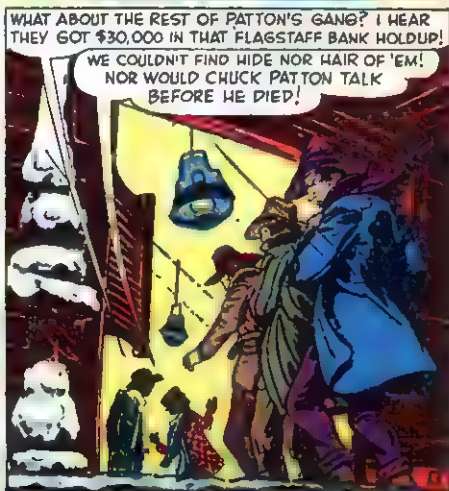
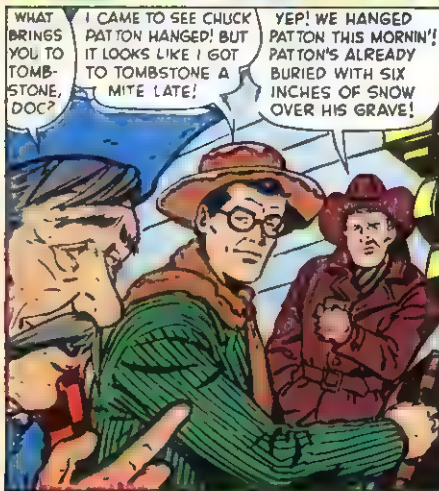
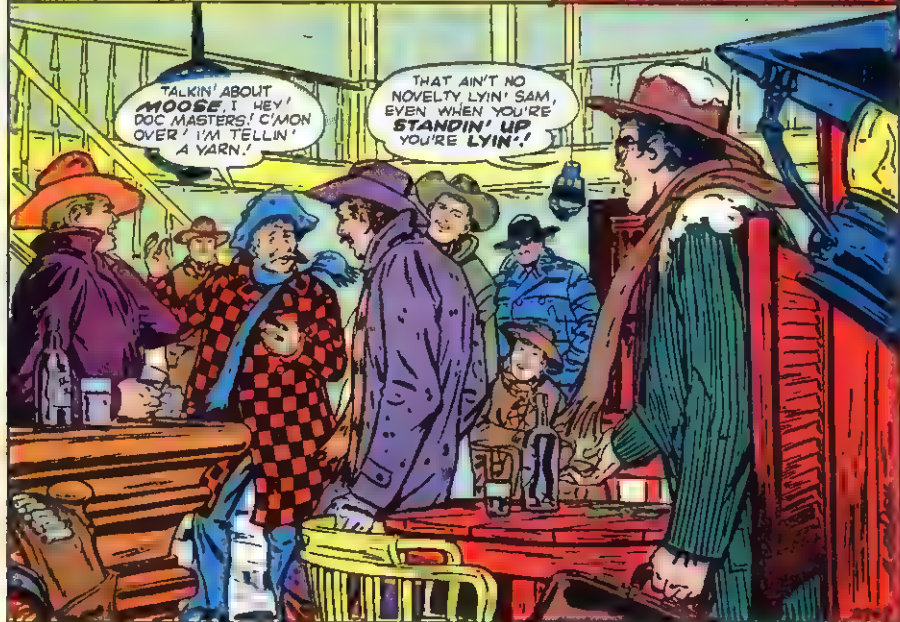
Tim looked up, and scratched his chin. "If you boys don't mind," he said, "I'd just as soon stay here and watch the cook-wagon."

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TOO BAD--
BUT GO ON
WITH
YOUR
MOOSE
STORY,
SAM!

YEP! MOOSE! I ONCE KILLED
ONE THAT MEASURED A 20
FOOT SPREAD BETWEEN THE
ANTLERS! I KEPT 'EM IN THE
LOFT OF MY BARN!

NO, SAM! NO
MOOSE GOT
A 20 FOOT
SPREAD!

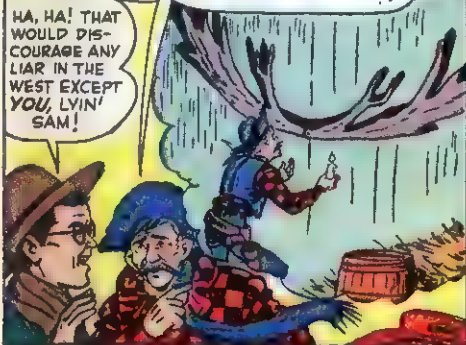


THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYIN' TO BRING OUT,
PARNERS... HOW AFTER YEARS OF MY
TELLIN' THESE LIES-- I EVEN GOT TO
BELIEVIN' THE LIES MYSELF!

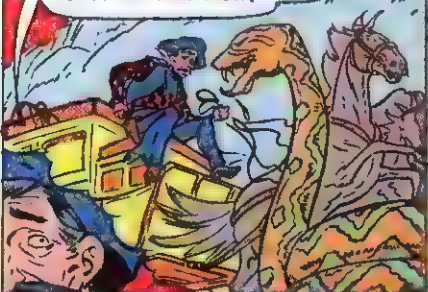


WELL, I TOLD THIS MOOSE LIE SO OFTEN I EVEN GOT
TO KNOW THE PLACE I SHOT IT! ONE NIGHT I WENT
INTO THE BARN TO SEE THE ANTLERS--AN' DANGED
IF THEY WASN'T THERE!

HA, HA! THAT
WOULD DIS-
COURAGE ANY
LIAR IN THE
WEST EXCEPT
YOU, LYIN'
SAM!

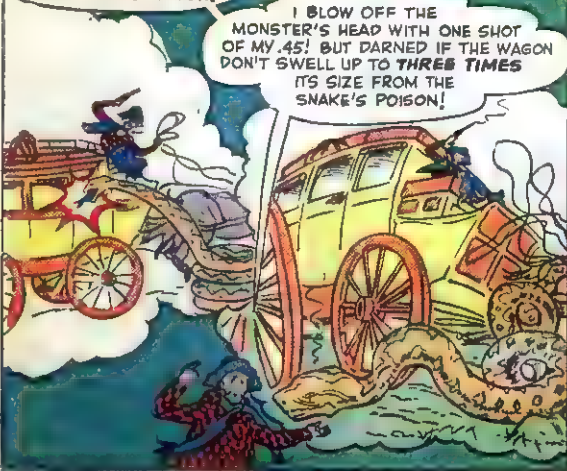


WHO'S DISCOURAGED? I'M DRIVIN' DOWN
SANDY GROVE ROAD LAST SUMMER WITH EIGHT
HORSES WHEN I SEE MY LINE HOSS SWING OUT AN'
EVERY HOSS ON THE NEAR SIDE CROWDS THE
CHAIN...! SUDDENLY I SEE WHAT THE TROUBLE
IS! IT'S A DIAMOND-BACK RATTLER
ABOUT TEN FEET HIGH!



WELL, SIR, HE STRIKES, MISSES ME BY AN INCH
AN' HITS THE WAGON!

I BLOW OFF THE
MONSTER'S HEAD WITH ONE SHOT
OF MY .45! BUT DARNED IF THE WAGON
DON'T SWELL UP TO **THREE TIMES**
ITS SIZE FROM THE
SNAKE'S POISON!



I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE WAGON,
SAM, BUT NOTHIN'S FATTER THAN
YOUR LYIN'! HEH, HEH!

HERE'RE YOUR KEYS, SIR!--
TWO ROOMS FACIN' THE STREET!

THANKS! TIME TO
TURN IN, BOYS!



HOURS PASS AND LYIN' SAM IS STILL GOING STRONG LIKE THE SNOWSTORM OUTSIDE...

100,000 BUFFALO? THAT'S NOTHIN'! FIVE YEARS AGO, I SEEN 250,000,000 BUFFALO! NORTH OF THE BIG HORN WE RUN INTO THIS HERD! FOR TEN DAYS WE DONE NOTHIN' BUT KILL AN' COUNT THE BUFFALO THAT PASSED OUR WAGON! THE ELEVENTH DAY, THE HERD SPREAD AN' WE CROSSED THE RIVER...

DARN LUCKY THING WE CROSSED, TOO, BECAUSE NO SOONER DID WE GET ACROSS THAN WE SEEN THE MAIN HERD COMIN'! --HEY!

LYIN' SAM, NOBODY'D BELIEVE A WORD YOU'D SAY IN A MILLION YEARS! YOU SHACKIN' UP HERE AT THE HOTEL, SAM?

NOPE! I LIVE DOWN NEAR THE CEMETERY TAKIN' CARE OF BOOT HILL... THAT'S THE JOB THEY GIVE ME, DOC, WHEN I HURT MY LEG! I SLEEP IN THE SHED OUTSIDE THE CHURCH!

DON'T LET ANY GHOSTS GET YOU, SAM!

NOT ME! I'M GHOST-PROOF! SEE YOU IN THE MORNIN', DOC!

OKAY, SAM! I'M LOOKIN' FORWARD TO SOME MORE LIES WITH MY MORNIN' COFFEE!

BUT AS SAM PASSED THE GRAVEYARD--

AS I LIVE AN' BREATHE--GHOSTS!-- DIGGIN' UP THE GRAVE YARD! AN' THEY SAY PEOPLE DON'T BELIEVE IN 'EM! AN' THERE THEY ARE--PLAIN AS DAY!

HEY! EVERYBODY COME OUT! THERE'S GHOSTS DOWN AT THE CEMETERY! GHOSTS'RE DIGGIN' UP TH' GRAVEYARD!

FUNNY... NO SHEETS AN' PILLOW CASES ON MY BED! MEBBE THERE'S A COUPLE EXTRA IN THE ROOM NEXT DOOR...

BUT AS DOC GOES FROM ROOM TO ROOM...

EVERY BED ON THIS FLOOR IS STRIPPED OF SHEETS! NO PILLOW CASES, EITHER! WHAT IN TARNATION WOULD ANYBODY STEAL SHEETS FOR?! I'M GOIN' DOWN TO SEE THE MANAGEMENT!

BUT AS DOC DESCENDS THE STAIRCASE...

NO, SIR, SAM! WE DON'T MIND LISTENIN' TO YOUR LYIN'! BUT WE AIN'T GETTIN' PNEUMONIA OUT IN THAT STORM OVER IT!

I SHOULD DROP DEAD IF I'M LYIN'! THERE'S THREE GHOSTS DOWN IN THE GRAVEYARD, RIPPIN' IT UP!

GOSH, WON'T ANYBODY BELIEVE ME?!

MAYBE I'M CRAZY, BUT I THINK THIS ONCE SAM IS TELLIN' THE TRUTH! A MAN IN A SHEET AN' PILLOW CASE CAN MAKE A DARN GOOD GHOST! ANYWAY, THE BLACK RIDER WILL SEE!

MINUTES LATER, AS DOC MASTERS TURNS INTO THE FAMED BLACK RIDER, AND DASHES TOWARD BOOT HILL...

MY HUNCH WAS RIGHT! THE ONLY THING TALL ABOUT SAM'S TALE ARE THOSE GHOSTS!

IT'S BLACK RIDER! FIGHT IT OUT!

REACH, YOU BUZZARDS, OR YOU'LL BE PLANTED WHERE YOU STAND!

YOU COYOTES WON'T HAVE TO STEAL SHEETS TO CAMOUFLAGE YOUR GRAVE ROBBERING! NOW YOU'RE THE REAL MCCOY!

DON'T SHOOT! I GIVE UP!

SHORTLY AFTER, AS THE TOWNSPEOPLE GATHER...

WELL, I NEVER--! THE REST OF THE PATTON MOB, DISGUISED AS GHOSTS!

THEY HAD A GOOD REASON TO HAUNT THIS GRAVEYARD! TAKE OFF CHUCK PATTON'S BOOTS! YOU'LL FIND OUT WHY HE DIED WITH HIS BOOTS ON!

GLORY BE! CHUCK'S BOOTS IS FULL OF MONEY! THAT'S WHAT HIS BROTHERS WAS AFTER!

SPEAKING OF STORIES, SAM, THIS REMINDS ME OF WHAT HAPPENED TO ME ONCE... I ONCE GOT JUMPED BY 40 APACHE INJUNS! WITH BULLETS AND ARROWS ZIPPING CLOSE, I RAN INTO A CANYON ONLY TO DISCOVER IT WAS A BOX GULCH WITH STRAIGHT WALLS A THOUSAND FEET HIGH! BROTHER, I WAS TRAPPED!

GOSH, WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?!

I GOT KILLED-- LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO GET KILLED, LYIN' SAM, UNLESS YOU STOP TELLING SO MANY LIES!

YOU'RE RIGHT, BLACK RIDER! I'M RAISIN' MY RIGHT HAND! I'LL NEVER TELL ANOTHER LIE!

HEH, HEH! EVEN NOW HE'S LYIN'! SAM'S GOT HIS LEFT HAND UP!

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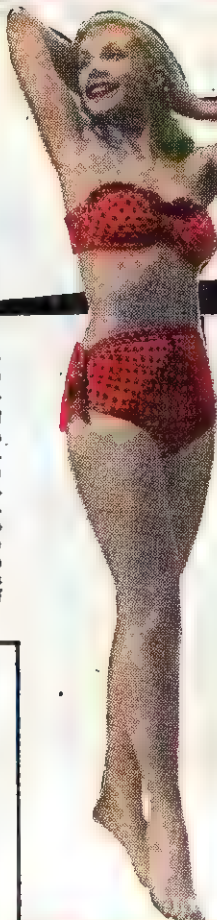
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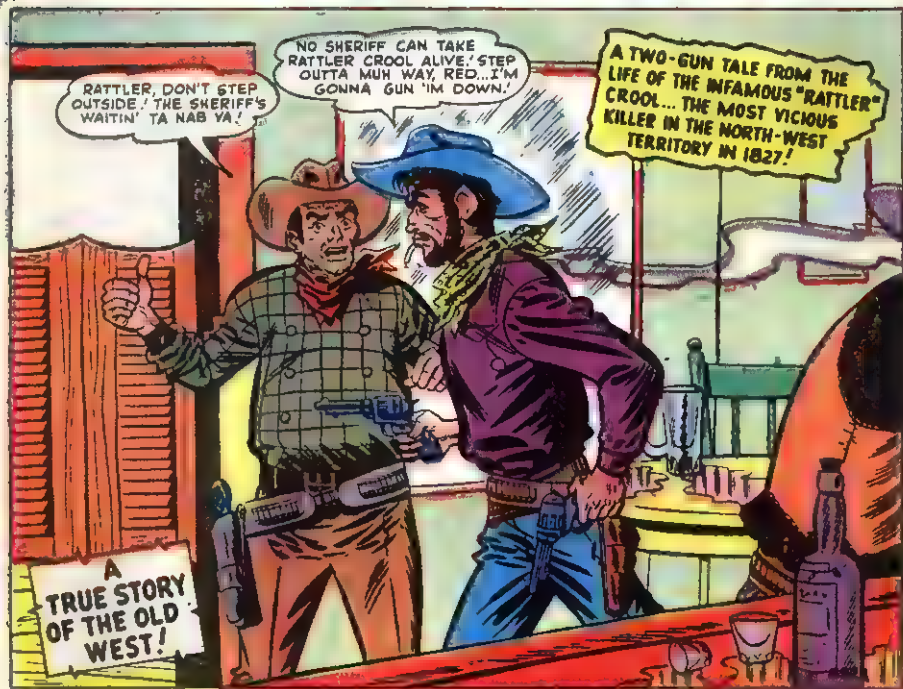
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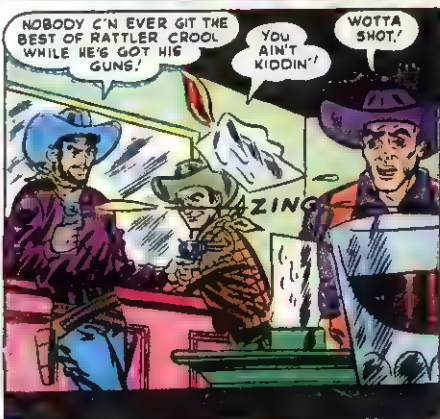
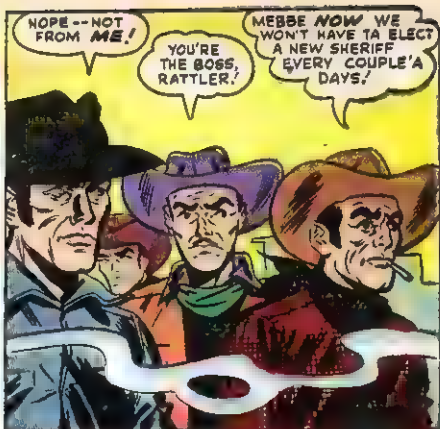
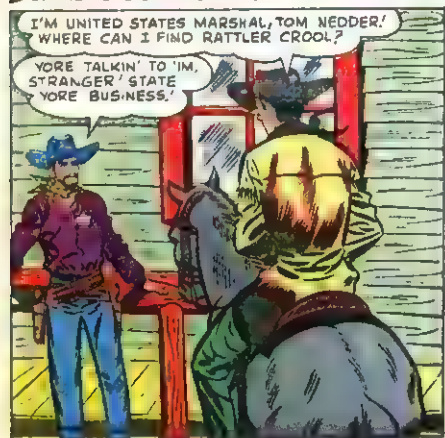


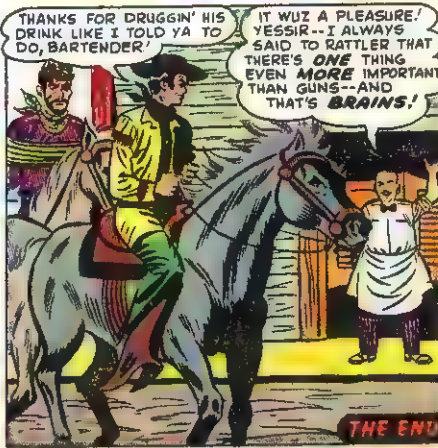
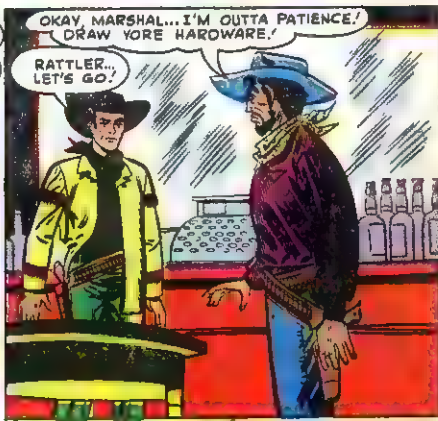
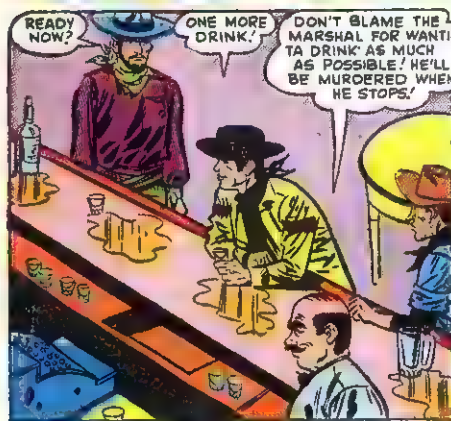


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SKIN PROBLEMS DEMAND IMMEDIATE CARE

Medical statistics tell us that blemished skin usually occurs from adolescence on through adult life. The problem at the adolescent stage is serious enough to deserve attentive care as a family matter. In adulthood, when life's responsibilities are so much weightier, it is doubly important to exert great effort to eliminate these blemishes. And, there is no better time to get pimples under control than now.

DON'T ABUSE SKIN

The first instinctive reaction to pimples and blackheads is to squeeze them out with your fingers. A bit of experimentation along these lines soon provides convincing proof that this succeeds only in inflaming your skin and spreading the infection. Under no circumstances should pimples and blackheads ever be squeezed.



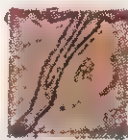
MICROSCOPE SHOWS IMPORTANT BASIS FOR EXTERNALLY CAUSED PIMPLES AND BLACKHEADS

Let's take a look through the microscope to see what's behind those unsightly pimples. The high-powered lenses show your skin coated with a covering which originated from two sources—one, internally and the other, externally.

The internal substances on your skin include dead cells, residue from the sweat glands, and a high quantity of oil excreted by the sebaceous glands. A most important factor in skin disorders occurs when thousands of these tiny sebaceous glands discharge more oil than the skin can use for lubrication. Unless special care is given, the oil forms a heavy film which attracts foreign matter to your skin much as any oil mop picks up dust. These infectious external substances may be classified into three general groups:

1. Airborne materials such as dust, pollens, condensation products of smoke, vapors, etc.
2. Materials, brought in contact with the skin, such as tiny fragments of clothing, bedding, cosmetics.
3. Micro-organisms such as bacteria and fungi.

See the difference between a healthy skin and a pimply skin in the microscopic reproductions below.



A
Normal skin



B
Sick, pimply skin

Diagram A shows a normal-size, smoothly functioning sebaceous gland. Diagram B pictures sick, pimply skin. Notice that the sebaceous gland is a swollen mass of trapped oil, waste and infectious bacteria.

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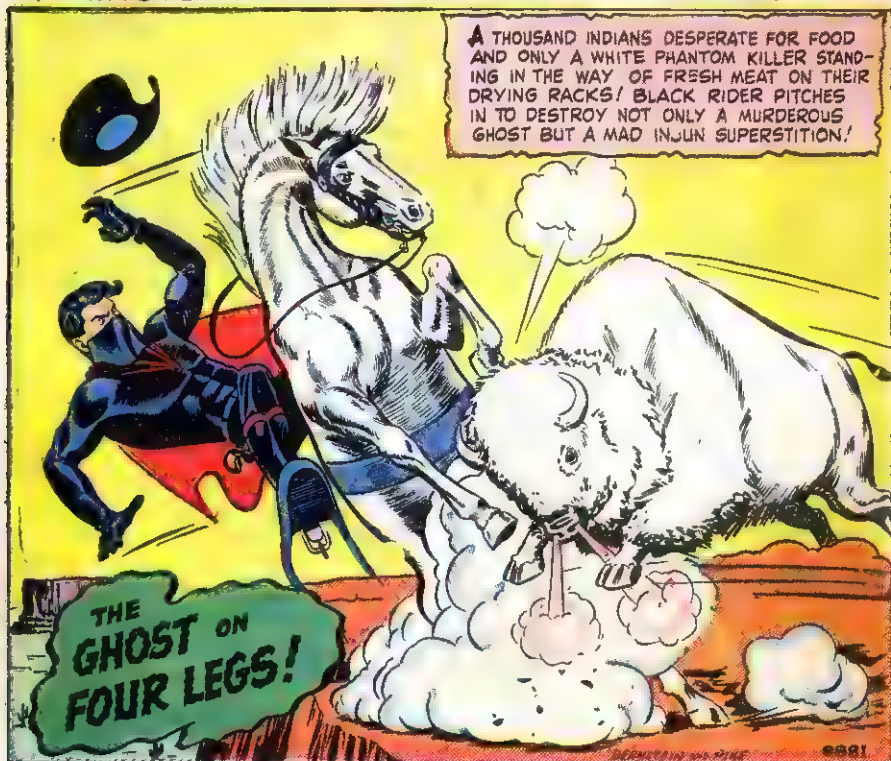
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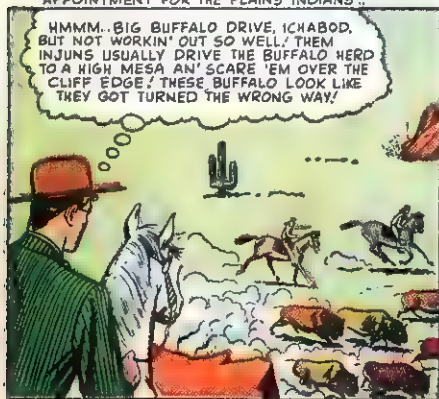
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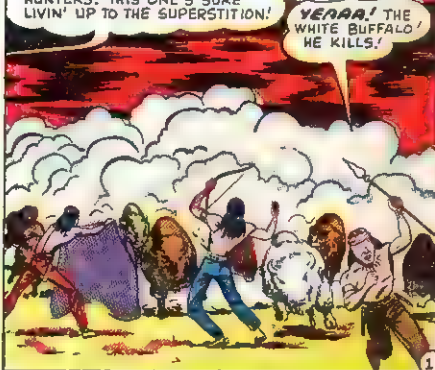


A THOUSAND INDIANS DESPERATE FOR FOOD AND ONLY A WHITE PHANTOM KILLER STANDING IN THE WAY OF FRESH MEAT ON THEIR DRYING RACKS! BLACK RIDER PITCHES IN TO DESTROY NOT ONLY A MURDEROUS GHOST BUT A MAD INJUN SUPERSTITION!

ONE BLAZING HOT NOON ON THE PLAINS, DOC MASTERS, FRONTIER PHYSICIAN, HAPPENS UPON A SCENE OF DIS-APPOINTMENT FOR THE PLAINS INDIANS...



LOOK WHO'S LEADIN' 'EM, ICHABOD! A PURE WHITE BISON! THE INJUNS THINK ALBINO BUFFALO ARE THE DEAD SPIRITS OF BUFFALO COME TO THE EARTH TO PROTECT THE HERDS AND KILL THE HUNTERS! THIS ONE'S SURE LIVIN' UP TO THE SUPERSTITION!



WE WILL NEVER KILL BUFFALO AS LONG AS THE WHITE BUFFALO IS HERE TO LEAD THE HERD AWAY FROM THE CLIFF!

WAIT! I SEE WHO HAS BROUGHT EVIL DAYS UPON OUR PEOPLE! THERE IS A PALEFACE ON THAT MESA! HE HAS BROUGHT THE WHITE BUFFALO! SEIZE HIM!



AND AS DOC COMES DOWN TO ADMINISTER TO THE WOUNDED.

THIS PALEFACE HAS DESTROYED OUR HUNT! WHEN WE HAVE KILLED HIM, THE WHITE BUFFALO WILL DIE! I, SHA TEKKO, THE MEDICINE MAN, HAVE SPOKEN!

WHAT TOMFOOLERY IS THIS? MY NAME IS DOC MASTERS! YOUR CHIEF KNOWS ME! I HAVE COME TO NURSE YOUR WOUNDED!

YOU LIE, PALEFACE!



EVERY YEAR THE PALEFACES DRIVE US FURTHER AWAY FROM OUR HUNTING GROUNDS! NOT SATISFIED WITH THAT THIS ONE BRINGS THE WHITE BUFFALO TO PLAGUE US! KILL HIM!

HOLD YOUR FIRE! I, CHIEF ETA-YI-MO-TI, COMMAND YOU! THIS IS WHITE MEDICINE WITH POWERFUL MAGIC! HE HELP ETA-YI-MO-TI MANY TIME WITH SICKNESS!

CHIEF, YORE A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES! ANOTHER MINUTE AND (WHEN!)



BUT, CHIEF! SHA TEKKO CAN NOT MAKE MAGIC TO KILL WHITE BUFFALO UNLESS WHITE MAN DIE!

WELL, IF IT'S MAGIC YORE AFTER, CHIEF, I KNOW A STRONGER MAGIC THAN THIS SCREECHIN' CUT-THROAT CAN DELIVER! EVER HEAR OF THE BLACK RIDER?

YES! GREATEST PALEFACE HUNTER! BUT BLACK RIDER IS NOT HERE!



I CAN BRING HIM HERE, CHIEF! WITH MAGIC IF YUH JEST LET ME RIDE INTO YORE TEEPEE ON MY HOSS, I GUARANTEE I'LL DISAPPEAR AND BLACK RIDER'LL TAKE MY PLACE!

WE WILL SOON SEE IF THE PALEFACE SPEAKS WITH A LYING TONGUE... TO THE VILLAGE!



NOW NO PEEKIN' CHIEF! I WANT NO ONE LEARNIN' MY MAGIC TRICKS, AN' THAT GOES FOR YORE SCALP-HUNGRY MEDICINE MAN!

YOU HAVE MY WORD YOU SHALL NOT BE OBSERVED, PALEFACE! MEDICINE MAN! PERFORM YOUR MAGIC, WE WAIT!



MOMENTS LATER, A GRINNING DOC MASTERS BECOMES THAT SCOURGE OF EVIL-DOERS! THE BLACK RIDER, WHILE ICHABOD IS TRANSFORMED INTO THE FLEET-FOOTED SATAN!

WE'RE SAFE PULLING THIS TRICK ICHABOD! THEM INJUNS ARE SUPERSTITIOUS ENOUGH TO BELIEVE ANYTHIN'!

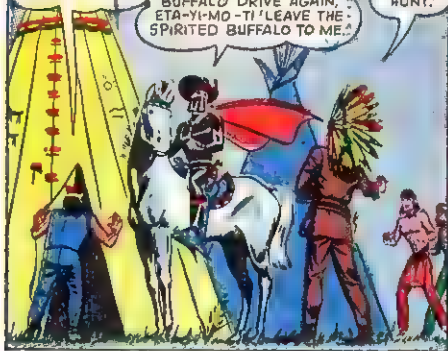


MOMENTS LATER, A GASP RUNS THROUGH THE VILLAGE AS...

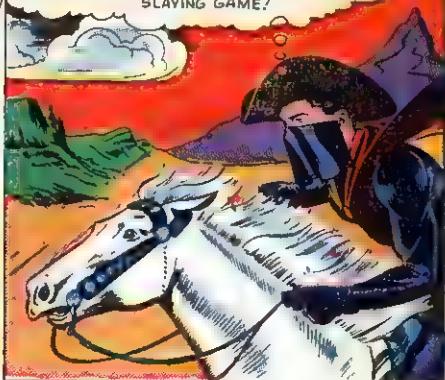
IT IS TRUE! THE TENT IS EMPTY! THE OTHER ONE HAS DISAPPEARED!

JUST AS I'LL MAKE YOUR TROUBLES DISAPPEAR ONCE I FIND THAT WHITE BUFFALO! PREPARE FOR YOUR BUFFALO DRIVE AGAIN, ETA-YI-MO-TI! LEAVE THE SPIRITED BUFFALO TO ME!

THAT'S THE ORDER! PREPARE FOR THE HUNT!



IT MAY SEEM CRUEL, DRIVING A HERD OVER A CLIFF, SATAN, BUT THE INDIANS NEED MEAT FOR THE COMING YEAR AND THE BUFFALO DIE INSTANTLY! IT'S A QUICK, HUMANE WAY OF SLAYING GAME!

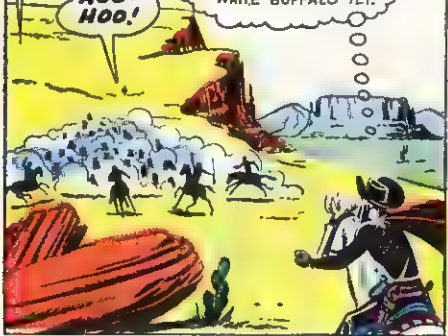


AN HOUR LATER AS THE DRIVE BEGINS...

OWWWW!

HOO-HOO!

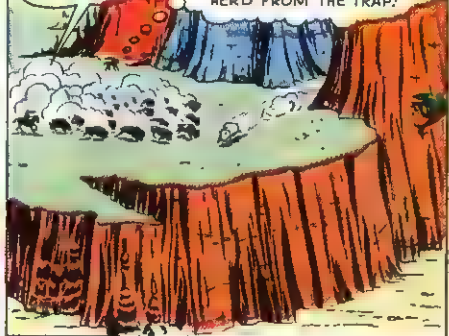
THERE THEY GO, SHOUTING AND JUMPING AND DRIVING THE FRIGHTENED BUFFALO BEFORE THEM UP THE MESA! HMM... NO SIGN OF THE WHITE BUFFALO YET!



CLOSER AND CLOSER COMES THE HERD TO THE MESA EDGE! SUDDENLY A WHITE BEHEMOTH STREAKS OUT OF A CANYON PASS AND MAKES FOR THE LEADER OF THE HERD!

THERE HE COMES-- THE SPIRIT BUFFALO!!

DARNED IF THE BEAST DOESN'T THINK LIKE A HUMAN BEING! HE'S TRYING TO HEAD OFF THE HERD FROM THE TRAP!



THERE HE GOES, TAKING OUT THE LEADER! HE KNOWS THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO TURN THE HERD!



NOW HE'S LEADING THEM BACK TO THE PLAINS! **LOOK OUT! RIDE FOR YOUR LIVES! TURN, SATAN! WE'VE GOT TO RUN WITH THE HERD OR BE CRUSHED TO DEATH! THE STAMPEDE IS ON!**

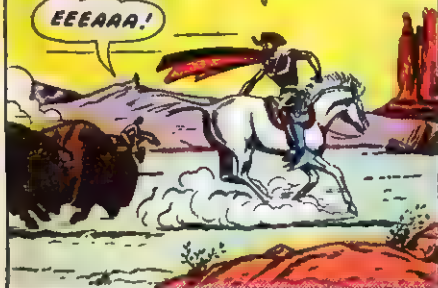
YIIIIII!



QUICKLY, BLACK RIDER SHIFTS HIS POSITION AND RIDES BACKWARDS...

GOT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THAT CURSED BUFFALO! IT WAS AS IF HE LEAPED OUT OF NOWHERE! NO WONDER HE'S GOT THESE PLAINS INDIANS "BUFFALOED". HMMM... THERE HE GOES THE DEVIL! INTO THE CANYON PASSAGE...

EEEEAAA!



CHALK UP ANOTHER CREDIT TO THE BEAST'S INTELLIGENCE! HE CAMOUFLAGES HIMSELF WELL! WHITE AGAINST WHITE ISN'T EASY TO FIND... THIS WAY, SATAN -- INTO THE MESA CANYONS -- AND KEEP A SHARP EYE OUT!



MEANWHILE, ON THE PLAINS...

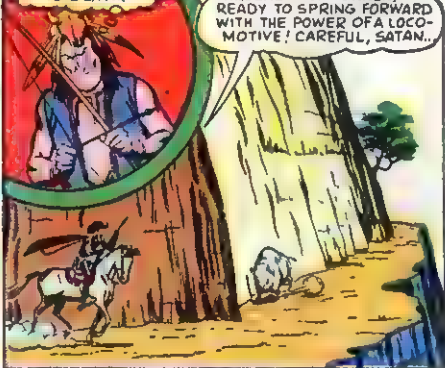
WHOSE MAGIC IS STRONGER NOW? WHAT DID THE BLACK RIDER DO AGAINST THE WHITE BUFFALO -- BUT SACRIFICE MORE BRAVES -- CRUSHED TO DEATH IN THE STAMPEDE!

HOLD YOUR TONGUE! THE BLACK RIDER IS NOT DONE YET! SEE? HE CLIMBS HIGHER INTO THE MESA! HE IS PURSUING THE SPIRIT BUFFALO!

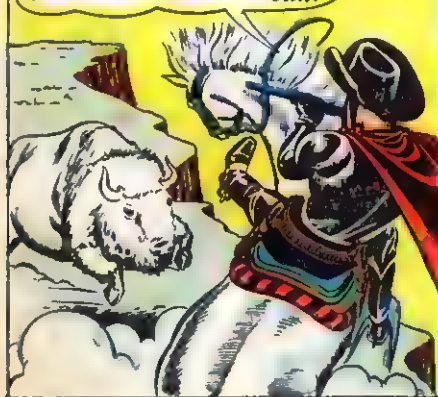


I CANNOT ALLOW THE BLACK RIDER TO TRIUMPH OVER MY MAGIC! THE PALEFACE MUST TAKE THE TRAIL TO DEATH!

HMMM. IT'S NO CINCH HUNTING THROUGH THESE PASSES! THE SPIRIT BUFFALO MIGHT BE JUST AROUND ANY CORNER, READY TO SPRING FORWARD WITH THE POWER OF A LOCOMOTIVE! CAREFUL, SATAN...



SATAN!...(GASP!)...H-HE'S ON TOP OF US! WHAT A GIANT! I'LL NEVER GET A SHOT AWAY IN TIME--OH!



AS HE TOPPLES OVER THE CLIFF EDGE, BLACK RIDER'S HANDS FLASH OUT DESPERATELY...



THE WHITE BUFFALO!...H-HE'S TRYING TO KICK ME OFF THE ROCK WITH HIS HOOVES! SATAN! SATAN! HELP!

AND GRASPS A JUTTING ROCK JUST BELOW THE CLIFF EDGE! BUT THIS IS ONLY DEATH'S WAY OF TEASING A MAN!



BUT AS SATAN LIES STUNNED ANOTHER
EAR HEARS THE CRY FOR HELP AND
ANSWERS...WITH AN ARROW!

AN EASY, STATIONARY
TARGET! IF ONE ARROW
MISSES, I CAN HIT THE
BLACK-GARBED
MEDDLER WITH
ANOTHER!

THE MEDICINE
MAN! HE
FOLLOWED
ME TO KILL
ME! BUT
WAIT! THE
BISON THINKS
THOSE ARROWS
WERE MEANT
FOR HIM! HE'S
TURNING AWAY!

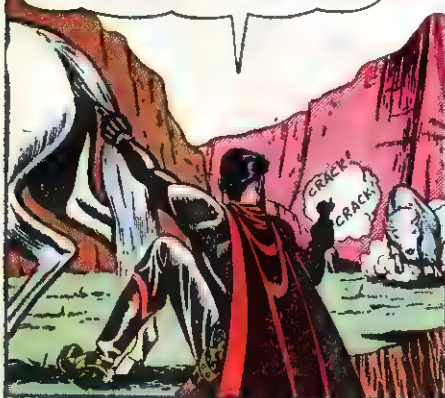
HE'S CLIMBED HIGHER! HE'S
GOING FOR THE MEDICINE
MAN!

N-NO STAY
AWAY!

AIEEE!!!

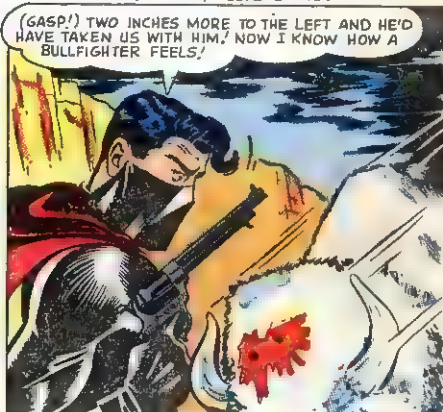
SATAN, QUICK! THE BRUTE
WILL BE DOWN HERE AGAIN
IN A SECOND! DANGLE YOUR
TAIL! I'LL GRAB HOLD OF
IT-- THEN YOU PULL!

I KNEW IT, SATAN!--HERE HE COMES! IF I CAN'T
STOP HIM NOW...WE'RE GONERS! HE'S RUNNING
TWICE THE SPEED OF ANY OTHER BUFFALO!



THE TRUE AIM WINS...BUT THE BEAST, WITH UN-
DIMINISHED SPEED, KEEPS GOING!

(GASP!) TWO INCHES MORE TO THE LEFT AND HE'D
HAVE TAKEN US WITH HIM! NOW I KNOW HOW A
BULLFIGHTER FEELS!



LATER THAT AFTERNOON, THE DRIVE FOR MEAT BEGINS
FOR THE THIRD TIME--AND THIS TIME SUCCEEDS!

THANK YOU, BLACK RIDER!
YOU HAVE SAVED MY
PEOPLE FROM STARVATION!

SAVE YOUR THANKS FOR
THE RIGHT MAN, CHIEF!
REMEMBER, I'M JUST
THE PRODUCT OF MAGIC,
NOT THE MAGICIAN! I'M
GOING BACK INTO THAT
TENT WHERE I CAME
FROM!

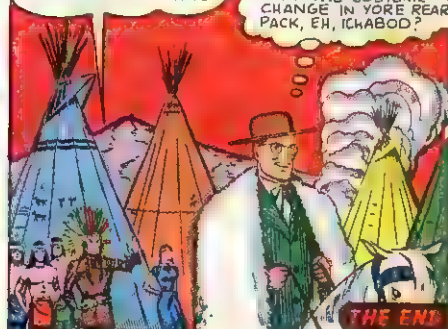


AN HOUR LATER, AFTER THE "MAGICIAN" IS HONORED...

SUCH MAGICAL POWER AS
WE HAVE SEEN TODAY, NO
OTHER EYES HAVE
LOOKED UPON! GO IN
PEACE WITH THE SKIN
OF THE SPIRIT BUFFALO!

THANKS, CHIEF!

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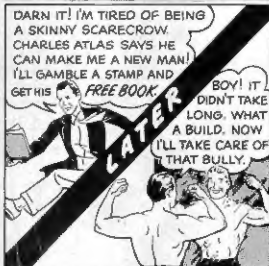
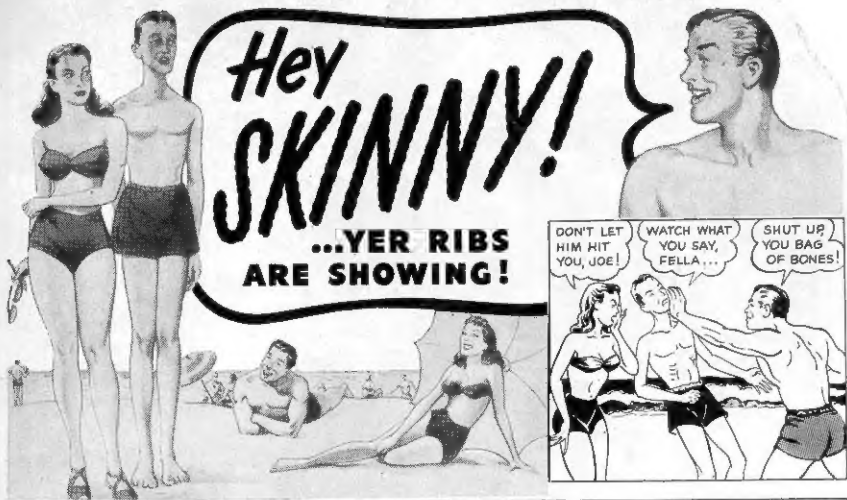
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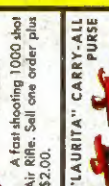
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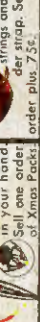
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